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1. BOEING BEIRUT ADVISES RCAA SAUDIA (SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES) LAST WEEK SIGNED DEFINITIVE CONTRACT FOR THREE NEW BOEING 707-368C'S, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$45 MILLION, INCLUDING SPARES, FOR DELIVERY OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1975. FIRST AIRCRAFT DELIVERY EARMARKED AS VIP/SPECIAL AIR MISSION AIRCRAFT FOR H.M. KING FEISAL. IN SUMMARY FOR 1974, SAUDIA HAS ORDERED SEVEN NEW TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT (FOUR TRISTARS AND THREE 707-368C'S) WITH TOTAL VALUE ESTIMATED HERE AT APPROXIMATELY \$195 TO \$200 MILLION.

2. U.S. TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT SALES THIS REGION 1974 TO DATE NOW TOTAL UNPRECEDENTED \$606 MILLION WITH WIDEBODIED SALES TO TMA, KUWAIT AIRWAYS, ALIA ROYAL JORDANIAN, AND POSSIBLY SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES AND
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